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NEW ZEALAND;BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON CHU CH'I-CHEN

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1. CHU CH'I-CHEN ARRIVED IN CANBERRA ON MARCH 2, 1973 AND SERVED WITH THE RANK OF COUNSELOR AS DCM UNTIL 1976. CHU WAS BORN IN KIANGSU PROVINCE ON FEBRUARY 19, 1927. HE IS MARRIED TO WANG YU-TE, BORN JANUARY 1, 1931 IN SHANGHAI. SHE HAD THIRD SECRETARY RANK AT THE EMBASSY AFTER HER ARRIVAL IN CANBERRA IN JANUARY 1975.

2. EMBOFFS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH CHU. HE WAS PLEASANT BUT ALOOF WHEN MET AT DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS. (HE ATTENDED MANY SUCH FUNCTIONS BECAUSE OF THE POOR HEALTH OF HIS AMBASSADOR.) CHU SPEAKS VERY GOOD ENGLISH AND INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH DISPLAYED A SENSE OF HUMOR INTELLIGIBLE TO WESTERNERS. AT ONE TIME HE WAS QUOTED AT A PARTY AS REMARKING THAT HIS EMBASSY (PREVIOUSLY A LARGE MOTEL)

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"HAD MORE FLUSH TOILETS THAN THE CITY OF PEKING."

3. WE NEVER RECEIVED ANY INDICATIONS FROM AUSTRALIAN SOURCES THAT CHU WAS ANYTHING OTHER THAN WHAT HE APPEARED TO BE--A VERY COMPETENT SENIOR PRC DIPLOMAT.
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